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Egypt

Mubarak Inaugural Speech -- In his inaugural speech to the People's Assembly, broadcast live by Cairo radio, President Husni Mubarak pledged to continue the course of the late President Anwar as-Sadat and called on Egyptians to unite against a misled group "that has departed from the right path." He warned those who "play with fire" that the rule of law means respect for the law and that no mercy will be shown toward them. Emphasizing that Egypt needs economic and social stability through the achievement of prosperity, increased income, better living conditions, equal opportunities and a just distribution of economic burdens and expenses, President Mubarak declared that his government will maintain the open-door policy of his predecessor. He said Egypt will need more public and private investment and must attract Arab and foreign capital to further its development. Reiterating his commitment to the Camp David agreement, he said Egypt will spare no effort or time in continuing the autonomy talks, though he went on to note that any agreement with Israel in this regard will not be a final solution of the Palestinian problem. Mubarak also stressed that Egypt's policies will not change after Israel withdraws from the Sinai in April 1982. Elsewhere in his remarks, Mubarak praised the armed forces, asserting that only one of As-Sadat's assassins was a military man.

Numayri in Egypt -- Cairo radio broadcast Sudanese President Ja'far Numayri's speech to the assembly session inaugurating the new president. Numayri praised As-Sadat at length and pledged support for Mubarak. Earlier, AFP cited the Kuwaiti daily AL-WATAN for a report that a London-based Sudanese opposition group had unsuccessfully tried to assassinate Numayri during the 10 October funeral of President As-Sadat.

Interior Minister's Statement -- Interior Minister Nabawi Isma'il, in a statement broadcast by Cairo radio, claimed that the unanimous election of Husni Mubarak had achieved the opposite of what the assassins of President Anwar as-Sadat had planned since it had boosted the Egyptian people's will to continue the peace process, protect national unity and social peace and strengthen democracy. Asserting that at this delicate stage, the government cannot tolerate disturbances or allow "any opportunity for the least division or difference," he warned those who are threatening Egypt's security that they will not be safe and will be dealt with mercilessly. The whole Egyptian people, he said, are determined to liquidate the minority of extremists, fanatics and plotters.

Mubarak Decrees -- Cairo radio broadcast a number of presidential decrees, including one appointing Mubarak prime minister and Dr Ahmad Fu'ad Muhyi ad-Din first deputy prime minister and naming a new Cabinet. Although all ministers retain their portfolios, one minister of state was replaced several additional ministers of state were appointed and some minister of state portfolios were not mentioned. The radio said Mubarak authorized Muhy ad-Din to discharge those presidential and prime ministerial duties which As-Sadat had delegated to Mubarak under Presidential Decree 246 in 1980. Other decrees defined the jurisdiction of some ministers, announced formation of several new ministerial committees and appointed a list of regional governors.

Accusations, Criticisms of Libya -- AFP, citing AL-AKHBAR, reported that the Prosecutor's Office has concluded that the Libyan authorities sent the two suitcase bombs that exploded at Cairo Airport on 13 October. The crew of the Maltese Boeing 737 told Egyptian investigators that the Libyan authorities made an unscheduled search of their plane before it left Tripoli. Meanwhile, Jerusalem radio's Arabic service reported that National Progressive Unionist Party Secretary General Khalid Muhyi ad-Din criticized Libyan leader Col Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi, asserting that while he is not a threat to Egypt, he complicates solutions to sensitive problems. Muhyi ad-Din also criticized Egyptian National Front leader Lt Gen Sa'd ad-Din ash-Shadhili for applauding the assassination of As-Sadat.

Abu Ghazalam Interview -- The Israeli newspaper MA'ARIV repoted that Defense Minister Lt Gen 'Abd al-Halim Abu Ghazalah said in a 13 October interview that Egypt recently rushed antiaircraft weapons to Sudan and declared a state of alert in the western desert in case of a possible Libyan attack. Asserting that Egypt will send additional troops to its border with Libya if the Libyans reinforce their troops in the area, Abu Ghazalah said that after As-Sadat's assassination, Libya had placed some army units on alert but had not moved troops to the border.

Mubarak-Begin Summit -- Citing MENA, AFP reported that President Mubarak and Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin have agreed to hold a summit following the transfer of power to the new government in Egypt.

Israel

In an interview broadcast live over Jerusalem radio, Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir said the stands taken by Egyptian President Mubarak on Palestinian self-determination and the status of east Jerusalem have never been agreed to by Israel and are unacceptable. In reply to a question on pressure from the United States for "gestures" by Israel to promote the Camp David peace process, Shamir said Israel has done everything required of it for the sake of peace, adding that while some "ideas" and "thoughts" have been raised, no pressure has been brought to bear on Israel. As for the gesture of freezing Israeli settlements in Judaea and Samaria, Shamir said Israel is not considering doing anything to which it is not "committed." In remarks on the inadvisability of the U.S. AWACS aircraft sale to Saudi Arabia, Shamir asserted that Saudi possession of the aircraft would threaten Israeli security, Saudi assurances notwithstanding. Once they have the aircraft, he agreed, they will do what their interests and the pressures upon them dictate. Commenting on Saudi Crown Prince Fahd's Middle East peace plan, the foreign minister said in rejecting it that any plan diminishing the size of Israel, requiring withdrawal to the 1967 borders and including a concession on Jerusalem will not promote peace.

Libya

Denial on Assassination -- In an interview with the Kuwaiti paper AR-RA'Y AL-'AMM reported by KUNA, 'Abd al-'Ati al-Usaydi, secretary of People's Committee of the People's Foreign Liaison Bureau, asserted that Libya had neither a direct nor an indirect role in the assassination of Egyptian President as-Sadat, which was the work of "Arab and local" opponents within Egypt.

Comment on U.S. Maneuvers -- Commenting on the U.S.-Egyptian military maneuvers scheduled to begin 9 November, JANA said that they will be carried out close to the Libyan border and that U.S. State Department officials have told journalists that they are to be expanded so as to constitute "an exercise for the invasion of Libya."

Saudi Arabia

Denial on Condolences -- SPA reported a Saudi official source as denying news agency reports that Saudi Arabia and other Arab countries had sent unpublished condolence messages to Egypt on the death of President as-Sadat.

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MAHARASHTRA CHIEF MINISTER ALLEGES CIA-RSS PLOT

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[Text] Malegaon (Nasik Dist), 3 Oct (PTI) -- Maharashtra Chief Minister A.B. Antulay said here today that he would expose a "sinister conspiracy" aimed at destabilisation of the country by overthrowing Mrs Indira Gandhi's government at the centre.

The conspiracy was hatched jointly by the CIA, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and an organisation claiming itself to be impartial and godly, Mr Antulay alleged while addressing a largely attended public meeting. The chief minister did not identify the "godly" organisation but said that he would do so "at the proper time and with definite proof." He alleged that the press owned by the capitalists was "collaborating" in the conspiracy.

Mr Antulay, who began a 6-day whirlwind tour of rural Marashtra referred to the agitation over the demand for Khalisan and said the agitation was meant to destablise the government in the Punjab.

He alleged similar attempts were being made elsewhere in the country. He said the "imperialist" forces which were responsible for the partition of the country were at the same game again to disintegrate the country. He warned the people to beware of both internal and external divisive forces, which were trying to create chaos of 1973-74 type in the country.

Mr Antulay said that the opposition thought they would "finish him" by fomenting communal riots and creating misunderstanding between Hindus and Muslims but he was happy that the people of all communities in the state lived and worked in harmony. He said the programmes launched by Mrs Gandhi and her party for the uplift of the poor had irritated the rich and reactionary forces, which wanted them to remain in perpetual poverty.

The chief minister said that he firmly believed in the programme for the betterment of the poor and that was why he was made a "target of attack" by the opposition. Mr Anulay asserted that he had done nothing wrong by collecting money from the rich for the welfare of the poor. Mr Antulay said that he would not budge an inch in this task of amellorating the conditions of the poor even in the wake of "gigantic" difficulties.

Referring to the opposition demand for his resignation, he asked them what moral or constitutional right they had to ask for his resignation when they were rejected by the electorate. The chief minister said that so long as his party enjoyed the confidence and support of the masses, "no one dare to harm it." The evil designs of the opposition to capture power at the centre with the help of the CIA would not be successful.

Earlier, Mr Antulay inaugurated Rs 5 crore cooperative spinning mills at Malegaon soon after his arrival from Nasik by helicopter. The mills, with 25,000 spindles will provide employment to 500 persons.

IRANIAN HOUSING MINISTER MEETS COUNTERPART

BK121614 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 12 Oct 81

[Text] India has expressed its readiness to set up factories for construction materials in Iran. This offer was made by Minister for Work and Housing Bhisma Narain Singh in response to a request from a visiting Iranian Minister for Housing Gonabadi in New Delhi. Gonabadi, who is heading a six-member delegation arrived in the capital today from Bombay. He is on a week-long visit to this country.

KHOMEYNI CALLS FOR BETTER PROPAGANDA EFFORT

LD141128 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 14 Oct 81

[Text] Ayatollah Ashrafi-Esfahani, the Friday imam of Kermanshah; Mr Jannati, a member of the Council of Guardians; Mr Ahmad Hemmati, Majlis deputy from Meshkin Shahr; Hojjat ol-Eslam 'Abbas 'Ali 'Eshqi, the Friday imam of Meshkin Shahr; and the participants in the Interparliamentary Conference, accompanied by delegations that had travelled to India and Pakistan, this morning separately met with Imam Khomeyni, the leader of the revolution and the founder of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

During the meeting with the participants in the Interparliamentary Conference Ayatollah Khomeyni made the following speech:

In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Our revolution relies upon spirituality and God; those who agree with us are those who agree with the monotheistic line. We should not forget the spiritualistic line with which we staged the revolution; the same spiritualistic line that in spite of all our incompetence in our propaganda, made the world's people aware of our revolution. It is this spiritualistic line which the thugs oppose. You should note that wherever thugs and governments oppose us, the nations are with us. The basis should be the people and their opinions; and one should think of the people, not the governments. For the people and the masses are in agreement with each other; because they have been oppressed and they do not wish to be ruled by America and the Soviet Union.

From a propaganda viewpoint, we have done practically nothing; in addition to formal trips, we should also make unofficial trips, so that we can awaken the world. If we wish to export this revolution, we should act so that the people will take charge of government themselves, so that the so-called third class people can come into power. You can only make contact with the ordinary people and enlighten them only on unofficial trips. The presence of you who do not have an imposing appearance among the people would be more interesting, and you could also spread the word better.

Today the country belongs to you; I hope that, with your zeal, it will be safe.

FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ON U.S. 'AGGRESSIONS'

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["Text" of statement issued by the Foreign Affairs Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran -- date not given]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Following the upsurge of the Islamic movement in Egypt and As-Sadat's murder, once again America has decided to strengthen the shaky pillars of its abject regimes, in particular Egypt, among the world's Muslim countries and to expand its aggressions against these nations.

Today the movement is witnessing the expansion of America's military bases throughout the Islamic waters and lands. Reagan's savage and world-devouring government is trying to crush the Muslim's mass upsurge through various conspiracies and shows of military strength in the Persian Gulf, Indian Ocean, Mediterranean Sea and the coasts of Africa's Muslim countries.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran considers the open intervention of America in Egypt and in the other Islamic countries as an intervention in the internal affairs of all the world's Muslim nations and considers it as a clear aggression against all the world's Muslims and the oppressed Egyptian nation.

We warn America that these efforts will result in nothing but strengthening the wills of the 1 billion strong Muslim nations throughout the world to combat oppressive powers.

Islam has taught and will teach Muslims that they can gain victory over the sword by their blood and raised fists. The dispatch of the American fleet to the Islamic coasts and the strengthening of mercenary and dependent regimes will have no effect on this deep belief.

America must know that the compromisers who are following the Camp David accord in the end will meet As-Sadat's fate, although they are wearing revolutionary and Islamic masks. The Islamic nation will never accept any peacful coexistence between the racist and Zionist regime and the Muslims. In practice the zealous and honorable Palestinians, the zealous peoples of southern Lebanon and Syria and all the world's Muslims will not allow anybody to bargain with America and the regime occupying Jerusalem on their behalf and to be generous about Palestinian territory, beloved Jerusalem and the Muslims' personal and Islamic honor.

These conspiracies will result in nothing but spreading the waves of the Islamic Revolution all over the world.

ISLAMIC GUIDANCE MINISTER ON MECCA CEREMONIES

LD150854 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 15 Oct 81

[Text] In a press, radio and television conference, Hojjat ol-Eslam Ma'adikhah, minister of Islamic guidance, said: We are anxious that hajj ceremonies are carried out during which the cries of the Muslims are raised against their enemies, America and Israel.

Referring to the extraordinary importance which the Islamic Republic attaches to Mecca and the hajj, he said: We believe the hajj ceremonies are not carried out in a befitting manner, because if these ceremonies were held even once in a befitting manner and in the way that they should, a great transformation would take place in the world.

Concerning the letter of the shah of Arabia [as heard], minister of Islamic guidance said: Everybody knows that the slogans of Iranians have never been "God is the greatest, Khomeyni is the greatest." Bearing in mind that last year As-Sadat had made the same remark, we regard this remark [of King Khalid in distorting the slogan] as an attempt to distort the slogans of the Islamic revolution and not merely as a mistake.

In answer to a question about the position of Iran toward the leaders of some Islamic countries, the minister of Islamic guidance said: We are dutybound to condemn those leaders who assume the role of messengerboys for America. We believe that taking a position hostile to them is in the interest of the unity of Islamic nations. He said: While we are not willing to interfere in the internal affairs of nations and although we are never in favor of confrontation and hostility, nevertheless, we firmly adhere to our own positions and principles. We hope that in the great hajj congress the cries of the Muslims are raised against their enemies while at the same time arrangements are made so that disturbance is created for any of the pilgrims. In this connection, we have invited Saudi officials to a discussion and a dialogue, but so far we have received no official answer from them.

In answer to a question about exporting the Islamic revolution of Iran, he said: Unfortunately, after the victory of the Islamic revolution of Iran some treacherous and unclean hands tried very hard to distort the exporting of the Islamic revolution; so much so that some countries imagined that this would mean interference in the affairs of other countries. Once again, we announce that we have no desire to interfere in the affairs of other countries and that the running of those countries depends on those nations. However, it should be said that the exporting of the revolution would mean the presentation of true Islam, not the Islam which has so far been propagated. If the people of the world come to know of this, this will be the source of a general awakening and uprising.

Concerning the attitude of other pilgrims from other countries toward the Islamic revolution of Iran, the minister of Islamic guidance said: Nearly all the Muslims I met were touched by the Islamic revolution of Iran, although as the result of the hostile propaganda of our enemies they have certain questions and doubts. However, on the whole they love the Islamic revolution.

The minister of Islamic guidance added: We hope that hajj ceremonies are not used in the special interests of a particular country, even though that country has a correct position. Although we believe Iraq has carried out aggression against Iran and, according to the orders of the Koran, the Muslims are dutybound to endeavor to repel aggression, nevertheless, we never emphasized Iranian issues as much as we emphasized the liberation of Jerusalem and the mobilization of the Muslims for its liberation.

One of the foreign correspondents asked about the march of the Iranian pilgrims and their aims. The minister of Islamic guidance said: Due to their revolutionary manners, and due to the fact that the Iranian pilgrims are influenced by the culture [farhang] of their Islamic Revolution and as they wish to make use of any opportunity to create a movement in favor of the oppressed people against the arrogant, they regarded hajj ceremonies as the best opportunity to bring their message to the ears of the Muslims of the world and mobilize Muslims against Israel.

KHAMENE'I INTERVIEWED ON GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS

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["Exclusive" interview granted to Central News Unit correspondent by Hojjat ol-Eslam Seyyed 'Ali Khamene'i, president of the Islamic Republic of Iran, following his inauguration as President on 9 October -- recorded]

[Text] [Question] Mr Khamene'i, would you be good enough to tell us when you will begin your work officially as president?

[Answer] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Greetings to all my dear sisters and brothers throughout the Islamic homeland on the occasion of Id al-Adha. In fact we have been working for 1 or 2 days. In this phase, our work mainly concerns the formation of the next Cabinet. In addition to this, there have been discussions with experts on the government's general issues; discussions with those who have been Cabinet members and those outside the Cabinet. Of course, my presidency became official only after it was confirmed by the great imam; therefore, our work will now naturally become smoother. I hope to start my work tomorrow morning.

[Question] As you are aware, the question of war continues to be our main issue. What is your message for our combatants?

[Answer] As the combatants are Muslim and fellow countrymen, my message is naturally the message of resistance and hope. In view of international developments, especially those in the Middle East, we have greater hope for the victory of the Islamic Revolution and for the blossoming of the Muslim masses' efforts throughout this region. The signs of this blossoming can already be seen in the region, especially in our clashes with the aggressor and the oppressor Government of Iraq. In the imposed war, our combatants have seen that our advances and victories over the forces of blasphemy have been appreciable -- I brand them as unprecedented. Therefore, I have to give them greater hope and to assure them that the entire nation and all officials will help them from behind the front. I must assure them that all of us are fighting the war. Both those on the fronts and those behind them have this in common -- both are countering Islam's enemies.

[Question] Can you brief us on your programs?

[Answer] I have already spoken concerning this topic. We have said before that our program can be divided into two sections: one a practical program, and the other our basic aims. Concerning the latter, the government and the executive organ's directives are aimed at consideration for the oppressed. Today, the imam, as always, once more reiterated the task of the executive for the oppressed and for the slum dwellers. The imam said that no excuses put forward by the officials would be accepted because all organs are working and acting in one direction. This is our basic program.

In the fields of social and economic issues, our program includes the use of powerful intellects and hearts dedicated to the Islamic Revolution.

Concerning our practical programs, as we have said before our first program concerns the formation of a cabinet. We have said before that for the time being we have a cabinet and according to the Constitution there is no reason to form a new one, except in the instance that the present Cabinet does not wish to stay in office. In such circumstances, then we have to consider forming of a new cabinet. I should add that in my opinion, we should avoid a change as much as possible, except in the circumstances that there is either a problem or the person in charge does not wish to continue with his task. In my view the top officials -- in view of the fact that they have become acquainted with their work -- should not be removed unless it is unavoidable. Our efforts will be directed toward creating a sound atmsophere with the government which will be formed -- should the present one decided to resign. If the present government decides to stay, we hope to coordinate our program and follow our basic aims.

MAS'UD RAJAVI INTERVIEWED ON MOJAHEDIN PLANS

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[Giuseppe Leuzzi 6 October interview in Paris with Iranian Mojahedin-e Khalq leader Mas'ud Rajavi: "Khomeyni Finished"]

[Excerpts] Paris, 6 Oct -- [Question] What is going to happen to Iran? The shah used to say that after him the country would fall to pieces; is that what is happening?

[Answer] Khomeyni was the shah's best heir-apparent, and he is proving it. By establishing terror he has revealed his reactionary face. But the country is hanging on -- not even the war against Iraq has disheartened it -- and struggling for its revolution.

[Question] What revolution? It is more a matter of bloodshed, torture and mass executions. Mothers who curse their sons, facing the firing squad in front of television cameras. Does the thought of hundreds of deaths not disturb you?

[Answer] The people's struggle against Khomeyni is the same as against the shah -- against treachery, tyranny and corruption. The Iranian masses want freedom and democracy.

[Question] Do you believe that you can achieve that by means of terror, by blowing up presidents and prime ministers?

[Answer] I want no responsibility for these deaths. They are an indication of the regime's decline. The Mojahedin are defending themselves against extermination. Our decision to resist has brought general impatience to a head. I have asked no one to commit suicide or to kill themselves with their victims -- even if that were Khomeyni's worst executioner.

[Question] But Khomeyni is still in charge, despite being so antipeople.

[Answer] The shah lasted 37 years, 25 of them with a tough regime. Khomeyni is finished. To eliminate him is a little more difficult than drinking a glass of water, but we have plans, an organization and a broad following. Khomeyni has easily eliminated everyone from Bazargan to Bani-Sadr. With us he has hit a stumbling block. We have a plan for every phase. The first step was to defeat terrorism. In 2 months 70 percent of Khomeyni's leadership group has been eliminated. The second phase is to bring the struggle into the streets. We began this 10 days ago, and hundreds of thousands of people demonstrated with us. It is a kind of suicide, because Khomeyni is more ferocious than the shah: He fires on crowds. But still they came.

[Question] What is the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization?

[Answer] As the 1 October program says, it is a national, democratic and progressive Islamic organization with tens of thousands of members and millions of supporters. We grew up in opposition to the shah starting in 1965. We reorganized ourselves on different bases under Khomeyni because we never trusted him.

[Question] You are described as Marxists.

[Answer] We consider materialism the basis for interpreting real conditions, but we are not Marxists. Our program states that the transition government accepts the national bazaar, (trade -- LA REPUBLICA editor's note), private ownership and private investment. But private interest must not be unlimited and must work in a non-"comprador" (not subordinated to outside interests -- LA REPUBBLICA editor's note) direction. The solution to Iranian society's problems and contradictions is inconceivable with a laissez-faire attitude.

[Question] With whom will you form the government in exile?

[Answer] We will not form a government in exile.

[Question] You have formed a National Resistance Council. With whom?

[Answer] All the democaratic, national and progressive forces. I can say no more; they are involved in the front line. They are people who belong to all -- and I mean all -- classes and social organizations in Iran.

[Question] Some people say that you do everything yourselves in this council.

[Answer] We are a compact organization with a broad following. We are not Bakhtiar-type free agents [cani sciolti] who can talk for hours on European television networks: This is forbidden to us. They are afraid of us. Membership in the National Resistance Council is open to all forces that accept the 1 October program.

[Question] Who are you, personally?

[Answer] I am 34, joined the organization in 1966, went to prison in 1971 and came out a few days before the shah's downfall -- as one of the last political prisoners to be released.

[Question] Ayatollah Beheshti, one of many who were blown up, said 3 years ago: The Mojahedin are one of the three mainstays of the revolution, together wtih Khomeyni and 'Ali Shari'ati, the philosopher of the Islamic Revolution.

[Answer] It is true that the shah was driven out by us and by the Feda'iyan-e Khalq, the Marxist group. But at the moment of the revolution when the time was objectively ripe, we were weak, albeit numerous. I was the only survivor of the original Central Committee and I was in prison. Khomeyni robbed us of the leadership. Many people who were with us -- Beheshti, Raja'i, Rafsanjani and even Khamene'i -- joined Khomeyni. Khomeyni used the mullahs' organization. This institution was intact because the shah did not dare attack it, and it was popular.

[Question] The Islamic revolutions that people have been talking about for the past decade have brought us only fanaticism and splittism. Where does Islamic progress lie?

[Answer] Islam is a fact, and it is the people's feeling and religion. Muhammad and 'Ali must remain social and moral reference points. Like Jesus Christ for you. Islam is an ideology, no more.

[Question] That is all. Even Beheshti used to say that Islam is an ideology, by which he meant that the Iranian people wanted a totalitarian state.

[Answer] In Iran there are two opposing Islams -- Khomeyni's and the Mojahedin's.

[Question] The former bad, the latter good. Neat.

[Answer] You tell me what are the real Marxism and the real socialism. You have to look at the facts. Khomeyni is for dictatorship, dogma and stasis, for exploitation, Aristotelian logic and ultraconservatism. We are for democracy, dynamism, freedom, dialectic and evolution. This is the true Islam. When and where did Allah say that 9-year-old children can be executed, that we must kill with impunity, cut off hands, torture, dress as Khomeyni says we must dress, drink what he drinks and think as he thinks? This is blasphemy.

[Question] The gendarmes guarding you tell me that many diplomats come to visit you; who are your friends?

[Answer] The nonaligned countries. But I prefer not to name names.

[Question] What about political groups? The Palestinians, for instance. The Mojahedin boast of their friendship, but 'Arafat still has his sights set on Khomeyni.

[Answer] The Palestinians have already realized.... We are a wholly Iranian movement and organize finance and arms and make decisions on our own. We could wage a war with weapons from the shah's arsenals.

[Question] In other words you, too, are chauvinists. The nationalism that should have saved Iran has isolated it and is destroying it.

[Answer] You are confusing Khomeyni with Iran. Our program clearly states: "Independence does not imply hostility toward industrial countries as a whole, in their historical, economic, technological and cultural dimensions." For Khomeyni everything that is different is inimical.

[Question] A year ago I attended the trial of Sa'adati, a prominent Mojahedin representative. Though accused of spying for the USSR and therefore liable to the death sentence, Sa'adati persistently refused to consider the Soviet Union an enemy of Iran like the other superpowers [as published]. Do you have a leaning toward Moscow?

[Answer] We must not condemn this or that individual.

[Question] What about the Afghan invasion?

[Answer] We have condemned it. One must take care of one's national interests. The USSR is a reality and has 2,500 km of shared borders with us. We are against the superpower system and exploitation and for independence and democracy.

[Question] But precisely because of this long shared border, will your Iran not become a pre-invasion Afghanistan, a Finland, a country which, though apparently neutralist, lies within the Soviet sphere of influence?

[Answer] Impossible. Historically, if you read the history of the past two centuries, you can reach only one conclusion: A country such as Iran can only envisage a future in independence and democracy.

[Question] Does that mean you are for or against the USSR?

[Answer] To say that one is against this or that country is to use the language of the cold war, an obsolete language. We are communists. We are not with the Red Brigades, as Khomeyni's Rome representative likes to assert on your television.

[Question] You describe yourselves as progressive. But the Tudeh Communist Party and a Feda'iyan group do not recognize you.

[Answer] They are opportunists without social support. They are spies.

[Question] They have excellent relations with the international socialist organizations.

[Answer] I am surprised that the Soviet Union has not yet realized what they are doing.

[Question] What if a former colonel were to put you all out of court?

[Answer] If there were a single colonel capable of that, Khomeyni would already have used him against us. The armed forces are now with the people -- you only have to interpret the trend in attacks carefully.

[Question] The military serves Khomeyni faithfully, as has been seen in the recent counteroffensives in the war against Iraq.

[Answer] On the contrary, they have been exploited by Khomeyni. The war was unnecessary: An agreement could have been reached. When Iraq attacked us, we could have responded right away. But Khomeyni obstructed the armed forces. I have proof of that. [answer ends]

He played a tape incomprehensible to us, which recorded the voices of Beheshti and another person, Doctor Ayat, a petty Nazi who was also blown up. The two of them, Rajavi said, were discussing how to prolong the war in order to eliminate internal political enemies by exploiting the emergency situation.

MATERIALS CONCERNING INTERNAL OPPOSITION

20 Hypocrites Executed

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[Text] By verdicts of the Islamic Revolution Courts of Shiraz, Rasht, Torbat-e Heydariyeh and Gilan, 20 members and active elements of the hypocrites organization and other dependent minigroups have been sentenced to death on charges of taking part in street clashes, armed action aimed at overthrowing the order of the Islamic Republic, acts of subversion, terrorism and participation in team houses, [word indistinct] incendiary materials and setting fire to buildings, buses and other public means of transport. They were declared corrupt on earth. The sentences passed on them have been carried out.

Safehouses Discovered

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[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, Khorramabad's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps announced the following: Thanks to cooperation from the 36-million-strong intelligence organization, Khorramabad's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps recently discovered eight safehouses of the hypocrites organization, including their military command headquarters in Khorramabad. Sixteen military members of the hypocrites organization, together with their commanders, were captured.

According to a Central News Unit report, the Public Relations Office of the Central Staff of the Islamic Revolution Committees announced the following: During operations which were carried out this morning by our brothers from the Islamic Revolution Committee, a safehouse belonging to the hypocrites organization was discovered in Park Avenue. [not further identifed] During these operations, two hypocrites were captured. Two Colts, one G-3 and many rounds of ammunition and organizational documents were captured from this safehouse.

Shiraz Shop Attacked

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[Text] Once again, the antipopular hypocrites opened fire on a Hezbollahi in Shiraz.

A green Peykan car with two passengers attacked the Omid Sign shop on Golestan Street and opened fire on the shopowner at 0650 yesterday. Gholam Reza Nasiri, the shopowner, miraculously escaped the assassination attempt. However, he was wounded in the incident. Two other Hezbollahis who were in his shop were also wounded.

According to reports, this is the fourth time that Gholam Reza Nasiri's shop has been the target of barbarian attacks by the pro-U.S. hypocrites.

COMMENTARY ON COMMUNIST THREAT TO COUNTRY

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[Unattributed commentary]

[Text] [passage indistinct] (?Every day one can see a different color in Khomeyni's republic, but) if there is one constant color that attracts attention it is the red color of the Tudehs who are silently wriggling among the feet of the mullahs in order to open a place for themselves.

Actually, everyone has suffered blows during the 2 years and 8 months since the inception of Khomeyni's regime. A large number of mullahs have been decimated because of (?their whims and wishes). A large number of nationalists who thought that they could reach an understanding with the mullahs on the division of power have been killed. A considerable number of revolutionary groups which thought that they could led the mullahs to the right path and to their own path have been destroyed. Similarily, a large number of conservatives as well as elements of the former regime and racial and regional movements have been destroyed -- they have taken their dreams to their graves. In the midst of all this the only group that has not been harmed is the Tudeh Party.

There was once a day when the Muslims thought [words indistinct] but Khomeyni's Islamic Republic has given the Tudehs this satisfaction by killing and amassing corpse upon corpse. By doing so it is removing the obstacles in front of the Tudehs and is paving the ground for their advancement and infiltration.

Khrushchev had foretold that sooner or later Iran would (?fall into the Soviet Union's lap) like rotten fruit. Khomeyni and his associates, either knowingly or unknowingly, are preparing for this. The (?favorable results) which the Soviets were unable to gain in Afghanistan with 100,000 soldiers are being prepared for them by Khomeyni with the hands of his revolution guards. Those who in the beginning were shouting "Neither East nor West, but an Islamic Republic" have now very impudently thrown themselves into the laps of the East.

(?Every once in a while) mercenaries of the Islamic Republic (?show up) in Soviet republics and, in a bid to gain the Soviets' favor, they have completely closed their eyes to what is happening in Afghanistan. They are ignoring the (?courageous) struggles of those who have risen with the shout of "God is great" to fight the Soviet troops. They have sealed their lips so tightly that one would think there is nothing going on in the neighborhood -- that Eastern imperialism has not come with full force to stifle a Muslim country. Actually, the attitude of Khomeyni and his associates shows that they do not feel any threat from the Soviet Union and they do not believe in the fact that the camel lying on the doorsteps of the Afghan people today will lie in front of the doorsteps of the mullahs tomorrow. They do not know what services they have rendered so far to the Soviet Union's imperialist policy and what grounds they have paved for the Kremlin leaders and their agents.

For 40 years the Tudeh Party did its best to turn Iran into a weak and (?isolated) country so that the Soviet Union could, on a suitable occasion, turn it into one of its satellites and thus reach the warm waters of the Persian Gulf. The Tudeh Party was unable to make the least progress toward this basic goal. But now, with Khomeyni's assistance and in a period of 2 years and some months, it has been able to render fruitful something which it had been unable to gain for 40 years.

Iran today is not the strong Iran of 3 years ago when it was the world's fifth largest military power. Iran today is a wrecked country (?hanging from a string and vulnerable to Soviet domination) [words indistinct]. Iran today is not the wealthy Iran of the past years -- a country that did not know what to do with its foreign exchange and of an oil production of more than 6 million barrels daily, a country which was implementing vast development programs, the achievement of which was impossible even for the Soviet Union. Iran today is poor and underprivileged, without sufficient foreign exchange to meet its foodstuff needs, with a budget deficit of more than 200 billion [presumably rials] and with a chaotic economy (?which is eating it up like a cancerous tumor). Iran today is not the united Iran of 3 years ago when none of its neighbors dared to look at it with bad intentions. Iran today is a battered and tattered country from each corner of which wailing can be heard -- a country where the agents of Khomeyni's Islamic Republic have fanned the flames of dispersion and (?discord) to such an extent that (?it practically) lacks the unified strength to confront enemies, and a country which can be easily made to kneel by the Soviet Union. Therefore, the danger which the Iranian nation kept away for centuries and with all its might and tried, by creating an equilibrium, to keep this threat away from the country has now cast its shadow on it and we are actually (?in the mouth) of the Soviet Union.

If the Soviet Union has not inflicted the last blow, it is because it is waiting for an opportunity -- the same opportunity which it was given 2 years ago by Khomeyni and his hostage taking when it was able to gobble up Afghanistan. Now, once again, preparations are being made so that it can find the opportunity to achieve its longlasting wish.

The threat is hovering above our head, unless a miracle occurs and, before Khomeyni is able to shed his last venom, unless an invisible hand emerges and puts an end to the existence of Khomeyni's regime, fools his satanic plans and removes the danger that is threatening our existence. This miracle will inevitably occur. This miracle will be the determination of the Iranian nation to live in freedom without dependence on either East or West. Signs of this miracle can be seen in the courageous struggle of people who have risen in unity and coordination against the regime of the (?mercenary) mullahs [words indistinct], and it will not be too long before the Iranian Nation takes a national and anti-imperialist step and rubs the muzzle of the ruling executioner in sand and frees Iran from the nightmare created by Khomeyni.

Long live Iran! Long live the Iranian nation! Death to the criminal and both Eastern and Western regime of Khomeyni!

REVOLUTION GUARD CORPS STATEMENT ON OPERATIONS

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[Statement issued by the Public Relations Office of the Central Command of the Islamic Revolution Guard Corps]

[Text] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. Our martyr-nurturing and revolutionary nation is hereby informed about a part of the selfless operations carried out by the defenders of the Islamic Revolution during the past 48 hours:

Our self-sacrificing guards' powerful fire on the Arvand Chenar Pol front destroyed one 50 mm machinegun emplacement and damaged one of the enemy's supply bridges. During these operations, two of Saddam's servicemen were killed and another two were wounded.

On the Marivan front, Islam's mighty combatants, maintaining total superiority in heavy and medium weapons, fired upon enemy positions and ammunition in the Iraqi Sayyid Sadiq barracks, succeeding in destroying a command jeep, a Zil vehicle carrying Saddam's servicemen, and in damaging another Zil vehicle while annihilating a number of enemy servicemen.

At 1030 today the aggressor enemy, who found himself powerless to engage in face-to-face combat with the heroic forces of Islam, bombarded Juy Zar, 50 kilometers from Ilam, destroying 4 houses, wounding 10 of our compatriots and martrying another 30.

Reports received from inside Iraqi territory say on 12 October a group of Iraqi Muslim mujahidin, in a heroic attack against a Ba'thist enemy column, succeeded in destroying three vehicles carrying Saddam's forces travelling from Sayyid Sadiq to Panjwin and in killing at least 15 enemy servicemen while forcing the rest to flee.

According to another report from the Iraqi city of Sulaymaniyah following the demonstrations by the city's Muslim population against the Saddam regime, which occurred during the funeral of three Iraqi soldiers, the police opened fire and threw teargas grenades at the demonstrators. The police arrested 11 Muslims. The situation is Sulaymaniyah currently remains tense.

JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE NO 667 ISSUED 14 OCT

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[Communique No 667 of the Joint Staff Command of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. By offering congratulations on the auspicious birthday of Imam 'Ali an-Naqi, may peace by upon him, part of the operations on the battlefronts of the imposed war are brought to the attention of the Muslim nation.

Thanks to our heroes' fire on enemy positions, several slit trenches, five foxholes, two mortar launching positions, three observation trenches, one assembly building, four heavy vehicles, one bulldozer, one crane and one fuel tank belonging to the Saddamists were completely destroyed. More than 50 Saddamists were killed.

Several aggressive planes flown by Saddam's devotees violated the airspace of border cities in the north and southwest of our country, but timely fire by the air defense units of the armed forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran forced them to flee. However, they managed to drop bombs on several points in Ilam, martyring 1 person and wounding 10 others.

In the Marivan region, exchanges of artillery fire between the combative forces of Islam and Saddam's forces still continue. Our forces have superior firepower. One of the enemy's observation trenches on the heights between Khormali and the enemy's supply centers in (?Shirkhan) and Shnowdari inside Iraqi territory was fired on and completely destroyed by artillery fire. One Zil vehicle belonging to the Iraqui Armed Forces was hit by our forces' artillery fire, the vehicle was destroyed and its personnel killed. The vehicle was inside Iraq moving between Sayyid Sadeq and Halabjeh toward Sulaymaniyah.

On the Kermanshah fronts, warriors of Islam opened fire on enemy positions. While preventing the enemy's last ditch effort and silencing the fire of the enemy's heavy weapons, our forces destroyed several slit and squad tranches, two heavy vehicles, one bulldozer, one crane and one large fuel tank belonging to the Saddamists. One tank was damaged. A large number of Ba'thist mercenaries were also killed.

The enemy has launced several intensive attacks on the Karkheh Kur region since 2030 last Monday. However, the attacks were repulsed and foiled through the self-sacrifice of the combatants of the Armed Forces of Islam.

One operational team of the self-sacrificing forces of Islam crossed the (?region of Meshkin) on the frontline of Dezful's resistant fronts. While cleansing part of the region from enemy landmines, they defused a considerable number of antitank and antipersonnel mines and transported them to the rear of battlefronts. Another team armed with RPG-7 rocket launchers, machineguns and 60-MM mortar launcers attacked the enemy. As a result, four foxholes and one observation post were destroyed and eight Saddamists were killed. Members of the team returned to their base safely.

In the region west of Dezful, our combatants opened fire on anemy positions and destroyed one mortar launcher and one ammunition depot belonging to the enemy. In addition, two tanks were damaged and the enemy was prevented from repairing its heavy weapons trenches.

Thanks to the fire of the combatants of the army of Islam on enemy fortifications in the occupied part of Khorramshahr and on the other side of the Karun River and squad trench, one RPG-7 trench, part of a building and an assembly place belonging to the enemy were all destroyed. Several of Saddam's personnel were either killed or wounded.

In the badan region, a combative unit of the police opened fire on enemy positions and destroyed six of their slit trenches. The misled Saddamists shelled Abadan with their heavy weapons. As a result, 4 people were martyred, 19 were wounded and several homes were slightly damaged.

Warriors of the coast guard of the gendarmerie of the Islamic Republic of Iran fired several missiles on enemy positions and fortifications on the other side of the Arvand Rud [Shatt Al-'Arab], destroying one machinegun position, one mortar launching position with its servicemen, several slit trenches and foxholes, one assembly building and one heavy vehicle on the Faw-Basrah Road. More than 40 of Saddam's personnel were killed.

Exchange of heavy and light weapons fire between the warriors of the armed forces of Islam and Saddam's misled forces continues on the Ilam, Qasr-e Shirin, Nowsud, Sheykhan, Susangerd, Hamidiyeh District -- particularly in the Tarreh region -- and Gesr-e Naderi fronts. Our forces have superior firepower on all of these fronts.

On 12 October, the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran offered 12 martyrs to the irregular war members of the martyr Chamran offered two martyrs to the Imam of the Islamic nation. These martyrs joined the highest heaven. May their souls be happy and may many other martyrs follow their path until the goal of those who died is achieved.